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REPORT ON RUMANIAN CROPS, HARVESTING FOR JUNE 1952

The following information, taken from individual items appear-
 ing in all principal Rumanian newspapers during June 1952, may
 serve to give some indication of agricultural distribution and har-
 vesting during June 1952.

The chief regions under cultivation are Arad, Arges, Bacau, Baia-Mare,
 Barlad, Botosani, Bucharest, Cluj, Constanta, Dolj, Galati, Hunedoara, Ialomi-
 ta, Iasi, Mures, Putna, Severin, Stalin, Suceava, Teleorman, and Timisoara.
 Harvesting of grain, particularly barley and wheat, began earlier than usual
 in 1952 because of hot, damp weather in June. Grain harvest began before
 19 June in Dolj, Constanta, Bucharest, and Arad regions.(1) By 24 June rape,
 barley, and some wheat were being harvested in Arad Rayon, Arad Region; Bran-
 esti, Crevedia, Vidra, and Oltenita rayons, Bucharest Region; and Carascal
 Rayon, Dolj Region.(2) Every effort was made for success of the cotton crop
 in Constanta, Ialomita, Dolj, and Teleorman Regions in the Danube Valley.(3)
 Scanteia, official organ of the Rumanian Workers' Party, also called for more
 attention to wheat production, since in 1951 the wheat production plan was
 fulfilled only 75 percent in some of the chief grain areas such as Oravita
 and Caransebes rayons, Severin Region; Lugoj Rayon, Timiscara Region; and
 Lehtiu Rayon, Ialomita Region.(4) By 25 June, "trusts" (trusturi) in Dolj,
 Teleorman, and Ialomita regions were well advanced in the harvesting of bar-
 ley and rape.(5)

A breakdown of crops by individual regions is as follows:

Bucharest Region

The Bucharest Region consists of eight rayons and is one of the richest
 agriculturally in the entire country. Products are fairly diversified, as
 shown by the I. L. Caragiale State Farm in Otopeni and Straulesti. The farm
 produced 110,910 liters of milk, 138,986 eggs, 152,000 chicks, 410 fattened
 hogs, 4,860 kilograms of spinach, 3,000 kilograms of lettuce, 900 kilograms
 of cucumbers, and 266,000 kilograms of green onions up to 13 May 1952 /since
 founding of farm?/. By 21 May 1952 it had produced 8,340 kilograms of
 cherries.(6)

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Harvest of barley began in the region on 19 June. Preparation for wheat harvest began at about the same time. Warm temperatures in June brought about early maturation of grains.(7) By 23 June, 25 percent of the barley had been harvested and reaping of wheat had begun. State farms were obtaining 2,300 kilograms per hectare of barley, and 3,000 kilograms per hectare of wheat.(8)

In Oltenita Rayon all plants were reported to be growing well. Crops included corn, wheat, sunflowers, sugar beets, potatoes, cotton, beans, borage, cabbage, radishes, cucumbers, and other vegetables.(9) Chief crops in Brancesti Rayon were corn, peas, sunflowers, potatoes, wheat, barley, oats, sugar beets, and other vegetables.(10) Collectives concentrated on wheat, barley, oats, corn, sunflowers, and beans.(11) In Vidra Rayon chief products were borage, cabbage, peppers and other vegetables, corn, sunflowers, onions, tomatoes, garlic, barley, and cotton.(12) Harvest of barley was completed on 26 June.(13) Principal products of Giurgiu Rayon on the Danube are wheat, oats, barley, corn, sunflowers, sugar beets, flax and cotton.(14) Cotton, fodder corn, wheat, and rye are growing particularly well in 1952.(15) Over 1,500 hectares were cultivated for the second time by 28 June.(16) Sheep, hogs, and poultry are plentiful. Animal products include cheese and wool.(17) Mihailesti Rayon grows wheat, oats, barley, corn, potatoes, beans, onions, vegetables, sunflowers, grapes, and tobacco.(18) Harvesting of rape in the rayon began on 18 June. Harvested areas were destubbed and sown to fodder crops.(19) A second cultivation of corn began in late June.(20) In Crevadia Rayon the harvesting of rape began on 18 June. Harvested areas were shallow plowed and sown to fodder crops.(21)

Dolj Region.

Dolj Region produces chiefly beans, corn, rye, sunflowers, peas, grains, green onions, spinach, lettuce, radishes, parsley, and wool.(22) Harvesting of rape was reported 85 percent completed by 12 June. Warm weather brought about an early ripening of the crop.(23) The harvesting of grain began before 19 June.(24) By that date the reaping of barley had begun in five rayons: Bailesti, Caracal, Plenita, Craiova, and Sadova.(25) Some areas began as early as 16 June.(26) By 26 June the region had harvested more than 12,000 hectares of barley, 1,399 hectares of wheat, and 559 hectares of rye. Collectives averaged 2,572 kilograms of barley per hectare.(27) More than 452 hectares of wheat were harvested by 25 June.(28)

In Bailesti Rayon rape harvesting was reported complete by 14 June.(29) Yield of barley per hectare was reported by one newspaper as 1,400 kilograms, by another as 1,200 kilograms on collective farms, 650 on individually owned farms, and a general average of 980 kilograms per hectare.(30) In Caracal Rayon wheat, corn, sunflowers, beans, potatoes, lucerne, and green peas were reported to be doing well throughout the month.(31) Harvesting of barley was 94 percent completed by 24 June. Reaping of wheat began in various parts of the rayon on 22, 24, and 25 June.(32)

In Craiova and other rayons harvested barley areas were resown with fodder corn.(33) Craiova rayon was harvesting barley, rape, oats, and cumin by 17 June.(34) By 20 June harvesting of rye was reported to be well under way, and rape and barley reaping were well advanced.(35) The average per hectare yield of barley on the Bailesti and Galicea Mare collectives was 958 kilograms. Average per hectare yield of rape and barley in some areas is expected to reach 1,500 and 2,500 kilograms respectively.(36)

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Baia-Mare Region

Harvesting of barley in Baia Mare Region in northernmost Rumania began on 23 June.(37)

Bihar Region

By 20 June the harvesting of rape was taking place throughout Bihar Region in northwest Rumania. Averages of 1,300-1,400 kilograms per hectare were obtained in some areas as a result of the use of chemical fertilizers [apparently for the first time].(38) Wheat, corn, and potatoes were reported to be growing well.(39)

Cluj Region

Cluj Region raises grains, corn, sugar beets, beans, potatoes, sunflowers, lucerne, peas, and other vegetables.(40)

Hunedoara Region

In the Hunedoara Region 97 percent of the grain area was reported weeded and cultivated by 27 June.(41)

Arad Region

The harvesting of rape and autumn barley began as early as 2 June in some areas of Arad Region because of hot weather.(42) In Cris Rayon barley harvesting was well advanced by 26 June. Average per hectare yield was 2,600 kilograms, according to one source (43), 2,700 according to another.(44) Harvesting of other grains had begun by 24 June.(44)

Timisoara Region

The harvesting of rape began on 4 June and was completed on 23 June. Barley production averaged 2,300 kilograms per hectare in some areas.(45) Principal products of Lugoj Rayon are cereals and milk.(46)

Severin Region

Among the chief products of Severin Region are sunflowers and corn.(47)

Teleorman Region

Teleorman Region raises chiefly sunflowers, cotton, corn, and industrial plants.(48) By 25 June rye and rape harvest were nearing completion, and preparation was made for reaping of wheat.(49)

Arges Region

In Arges Region there are 100 small vegetable gardens operated by 3,500 children to supplement the food supply.(50)

Stalin Region

There were no reports on the progress of crops in mountainous Stalin Region; however, it was reported that the hog raising and fattening plan was fulfilled only 43 percent in 1952.(48)

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Mures Region

Among the principal crops in Mures Region are oats, potatoes, corn, wheat, and sugar beets.(51) Wheat was nearing maturation on 18 June.

Suceava Region

Suceava Region in northern Rumania raises corn, potatoes, and beets.(52)

Botosani Region

Botosani Region in northeast Rumania grows wheat, corn, and other grains, sunflowers, and sugar beets. In the past the average yield per hectare of grain has varied from 1,000-1,700 kilograms. In 1952 Dorohoi Rayon expects a yield of 1,600-1,700 kilograms of wheat per hectare.(53)

Iasi Region

Iasi Region, bordering on the Moldavian SSR, produces cereal crops.(54)

Bacau Region

This region, on the eastern slopes of the Carpathians, produces cow and sheep milk and wool.(55)

Barlad Region

In this region chief crops include sunflowers, corn, rye, barley, oats, Italian millet, sugar beets, potatoes.(56) Artificial pollination of rye was used on a wide scale.(57)

Putna Region

Lucerne is one of the chief crops of Putna Region. The crop was ready for harvest much earlier than usual in 1952. In haret production averaged 4,000 kilograms per hectare.(58)

Galati Region

Galati Region, which included the Danube delta, had an early harvest of rape. In Targu-Bujor Rayon 126 hectares had been harvested by 11 June. In Tulcea Rayon 71 hectares had been gathered by 11 June.(59) Harvesting of barley began in the region on 19 June.(60) Corn and sunflowers were growing well in Braila Rayon.(61) Tulcea Rayon grows chiefly cereal crops.(62) The Stefan Plavat collective farm in Suditi expects to produce 400 tons of barley on 100 hectares, and an average of 1,400 kilograms of wheat per hectare. The farm also produces corn, sunflowers, and grains.(63) State farms on islands adjacent to the Borcea River have achieved 3,500 kilograms of wheat per hectare and 4,000 kilograms of corn per hectare.(64)

Ialomita Region

Ialomita Region, located on the Danube in southeast Rumania, grows wheat, corn, cotton, and a variety of other crops. Progress in 1952 is good.(65) The harvest of wheat and potatoes began by 15 June.(66) Yields of wheat in Lehliu Rayon were as high as 2,000 kilograms per hectare.(67) Rape harvest was on time in Slobozia, Fetesti, and Calarasi rayons. By 20 June 75 percent of the autumn rape had been gathered in Lehliu.(68) Harvesting of rye and

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destabbling of empty fields was well advanced on TOZ by 27 June. The Victoria collective in Dragos Voda raises corn, sunflowers, beans, wheat, potatoes, and animals for milk and wool.

Constanta Region

Constanta Region on the Black Sea raises rye, lucerna, rape, cotton, and wheat. Harvesting of wheat began before 14 June.(70) The harvesting of rape was well under way by 17 June.(71)

Valcea Region

Valcea Region raises corn, sunflowers, fodder beets, rye, and fruit trees.(72)

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